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Join NCAMC

Know a clerk or deputy clerk who wants to join NCAMC? Encourage them! For membership information, email committee chair Donna Strickland, CMC, at the following address:

dstrickland@townofleland.com

Now, join IIMC

If you have joined the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks and are wondering what else you can do to grow in your profession, you definitely need to consider joining the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. IIMC is the certifying arm for clerks worldwide. For more information go to the web-site:

www.iimc.com

President Campanello's April Message:

Board actions approved

Dear Fellow Clerks:

It's is finally spring!!! We all have an extra hour of daylight in the afternoons and budget season is upon us.

As you participate in the budgeting process for the coming fiscal year, please remember that there are numerous educational opportunities to take advantage of and request funding for. The annual summer conference will be in Wilmington this year. The Program/Education Committee recently met to discuss appropriate educational sessions for this conference, which include an MMC Academy on Thursday, August 14, featuring Laura Hamilton, who will present "Life Choices and Changes." The conference begins on Friday, August 15, and concludes with a banquet on Saturday.

Educational sessions will include public records law, the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources records retention schedule, state demographics and population trends, a legislative update and, hopefully, a good session on relaxation techniques for the workplace. The bi-annual membership business meeting will be the final item on the program for Saturday. The other items to consider when participating in the budget process would be the January City/County Clerk's School, and the Spring MMC Academies and Regional Schools.

Your Board of Directors met on March 14 and their agenda was full and numerous actions were taken.

- Johnsyne Lunsford, City Clerk for Rockingham, was sworn into office as Director of District 8, replacing Jill Chunn of Concord.
- The Board of Directors approved the recommendation of the Past President's Committee, who were charged with reviewing the certification scholarship policy. The committee recommended that the annual \$300 scholarships for CMC Certification be elimi-

nated in the next fiscal year and the two annual college scholarships be increased from \$500 to \$1,000. When NCAMC decided to award scholarships, the CMC certification program took place over a three-year period. The school now is completed in one year and the cost of registration and accommodations is estimated at \$1,500. Of this amount, over \$900 in registration fees must be paid at the time the clerk is accepted into the program. The committee felt that the scholarship offered by NCAMC was a mere "drop in the bucket" toward the overall cost paid by the municipality. Additionally, there are currently three other scholarships available for the CMC certification course, those from IIMC and the School of Government, as well as the Local Government Federal Credit Union scholarship.

- There was a favorable vote to cover the cost of new binders and tabs for the updated "Reference Guide" that will be completed and available at the August conference.
- The Web-site Subcommittee reported that RFPs for development of a new web-site for the association were sent out in February, and four proposals were received. Some were not acceptable as they did not provide the requested information. One company stood out as being very impressive and dialogue between the firm and the committee members was positive. The Board directed the committee to proceed with the chosen company pending a favorable review of the contract by Kim Hibbard, our Secretary and Treasurer. The Board also approved a budget amendment to cover the costs of site development, hosting and training. Dale Martin presented various logo items for con-

Holly Ridge, Camp Davis share history

Holly Ridge is a small town that lies about midway between Wilmington and Jacksonville, and five miles from Surf City. Some people recognize our name because we are close to the beach (Surf City and Topsail Island), but most know us because we are the home of Camp Davis. This was a pretty popular town during World War II. when Camp Davis was erected within five months with the contract being let December 10, 1940 and the first Cadre arriving in April, 1941. The population of Holly Ridge exploded from 28 residents in 1940 to 110,000 at peak in 1943.

The War Department acquired 46,683 acres of land for this base over the years 1941-1948. This included 119 tracts of land owned by local residents, including Topsail Island. It was referred to as the "sand pit" with access to it at Sears Landing where the present swing bridge is located. The Coast Artillery Anti-aircraft Regiments were the dominant groups moving thousands of recruits through basic training. The first Barrage Balloon Training Center was started at Camp Davis.

Among the buildings were barracks, mess halls, recreation buildings, theaters, post exchanges, hospital, post office, laundry, bakery, cold storage plant, and warehouses. There were 32 miles of paved streets and the camp itself was over four miles long and about a mile wide. When news of the project was made public, a rush began in the direction of Holly Ridge. They camped in tents waiting to be put on the payroll and when they succeeded, they traveled back and forth daily from their homes. Some made the trip in trucks where benches had been placed on each side and a canvas cover installed overhead. There were approximately 20,000 stationed there and included 900 officers and 19,000 enlisted men.

Prior to the construction of Camp Davis, Holly Ridge had just a couple of stores, filling station, and half a dozen homes. (my descendants were among the few families that lived here) The Camp was named for Major General Richmond Pearson Davis, who was born in Statesville, NC in 1866. He was member of the West Point Class of 1887 class. During the war he commanded the 151st Field Artillery Brigade in France, and later was Chief of Artillery for the Ninth Corps.

Located on base was Farnsworth Hall which attracted such boxing greats as Joe Louis and over 5,000 fans jammed every bleacher and ringside seat. Another entertainment spot was the Paradise Nightclub which drew celebrities such as Betty Grable, Tommy Dorsey Band, Alexander's Ragtime Band with Don Amechi, and Betty McGuire and her all-girl orchestra.

There was an establishment in Town called the Bucket of Blood and apparently, a construction worker was shot there one night and managed to stagger to the Mayor's yard and died there.

After the war, the Camp Davis command was assumed by the Marine Corp for training. Camp Davis sprang to life when the Navy took charge June 1, 1946. It became "Operation Bumblebee", a secret guided missile testing program for the US Navy. The Navy closed down activities in 1948 and Camp Davis was declared surplus and was dismantled for salvage and sale. Leased land was returned to original landowners, including war-era buildings.

Camp Davis came to Holly Ridge **overnight** and left almost the same way....

**Submitted by Brenda Padgett, CMC
Town of Holly Ridge**

Submissions for NCAMC Annual Report Needed

NCAMC Annual Report Coordinator Dawn Davis, CMC, needs items for the report. Dawn is especially looking for photos as well as reports from hosts of the various conferences. If anyone has a photo taken at one of the conferences, please contact Dawn via email at dawn.davis@highpointnc.gov.

Submissions can also be sent to the following: Dawn Davis, CMC, Deputy Clerk, City of High Point, P.O. Box 230, High Point, NC 27261

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News from the NCAMC



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 4, 2008:** Regional School in Morehead City.
- **April 11, 2008:** Regional School in Wilson.
- **April 15, 2008:** Deadline to apply for NCAMC Director or Officer positions and to turn in scholarship applications.
- **April 18, 2008:** Regional School in Fayetteville.
- **April 25, 2008:** Regional School in Waynesville.
- **May 4-10, 2008:** Municipal Clerks Week recognized
- **May 18-22, 2008:** International Institute of Municipal Clerks Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- **June 13, 2008:** NCAMC Board & Committee Meetings, NCLM Building, Raleigh.
- **Aug. 14-16, 2008:** NCAMC Annual Conference, Wilmington, at the Wilmington Hilton Riverside.

We were saddened to hear that two of our North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks lost loved ones recently.

Becky Breiholz, Town Clerk of Manteo, lost her father, Charles Elmer Brady Jr., on his birthday, March 24.

Please keep the Brady family in your prayers. Condolences can be sent to Becky at the following: 1007 Indian Drive, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.

Also, Jayne Danner, Deputy Clerk in Kernersville and a new member of the Association, lost her father, Walter Rutter, on February 26. Jayne and her father are from Warrenton, England. Please keep Jayne and her family in your thoughts and prayers as well.

Congratulations to the City of Lenoir and the City of Reidsville for being named finalists for the "All-America City" award sponsored by the National Civic League. Seventeen finalists were selected from across the United States.

Anyone who has gone through this process knows how much work is involved and what an honor it is to be named a finalist. Both towns will learn if they are one of the 10 winners when the announcement is made in June in Tampa, Florida.

Reports cover Association web-site, possible PR items, donation, etc.

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sideration. The Board selected several items that Dale will obtain firm costs on based on desired quantity. Sweatshirts, golf shirts, portfolios, license plate holders, denim shirts and beach towels were items that the board felt clerks would be interested in purchasing. More information will be presented at the June meeting.

• By Board approval, the North Carolina Association of Municipal Clerks will be making a donation of \$100.00 to the Municipal Clerks Education Foundation (MCEF) in memory of Cheryl Ratliff, former IIMC

Region III Director.

- Our association letterhead will be getting a facelift based on the graphics suggested by the League staff, our state and logo will be placed at the top of the page and our address and phone information will be placed at the bottom.

I hope this information gives you an idea of the business that comes before your officers and directors. I look forward to seeing many of you during the month of April as I attend the four Regional Schools across the state.

Josann Campanello, MMC
NCAMC President

Harvey receives CMC

Amy Harvey, CMC, Communications Technician/Web Manager for the Town of Chapel Hill, has achieved the International Institute of Municipal Clerks' high educational, experience and service requirements to be awarded the prestigious designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC).

Amy was notified of her honor from IIMC in February of 2008.

Amy began working for the Town of Chapel Hill in February of 1999 as a receptionist. She became Assistant Clerk in February of 2002.

She joined NCAMC and IIMC in 2005.

To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs. The designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality.

The program prepares the participants to meet the challenges of the complex role of the municipal clerks by providing them with quality education in partnership with institutions of higher learning.

The CMC program has been in existence since 1970.

April 2008



The monthly NCAMC Calendar is prepared for you by Dawn Davis, CMC, Deputy City Clerk, High Point.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>April Fool's Day</i>	2	3 Libby Young Stephanie Rivenbark Lettie Navarrette	4	5
6 Sharon Bounds	7	8 Yolanda Prince Penelope Spicer-Sidbury	9 Ann Sessom	10 Carmen Miracle	11	12 Thelda Rhoney
13 Mary Magee Nancy Huntley	14	15	16	17 Marsha Sucharski	18 Valeria Barnes	19 Nann Bryant
20	21	22 Mauren Baker	23	24 Sherry Carswell	25 Karen Gray Gail Colson	26 Misty Gledlinske Charlena Alston
27 Shyrl Hansil Bernadette Parduski Lynn Prusa Deborah Edwards	28 Janet Pope Joy McRoy Gail Smith	29 Sue Rowland Sandra Matye	30 Phyllis Harrison			